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### **West Valley City Arborist Recognized by Utah Community Forestry Council**

WEST VALLEY CITY – West Valley City Park Forester Darin Nerdin has been recognized by the Utah Community Forestry Council as the Utah State Arborist of the Year. This prestigious award is given yearly at Utah Green Conference Trade Show at the Forestry Council Luncheon and is chosen by the tree industry members.

Meridith Perkins, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, from the Utah State Department of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will present the award during a City Council Meeting on February 26, at 6:30 p.m. at West Valley City Hall.

“Darin has been very diligent in caring for the city’s trees and has taken the City’s tree plantings to a whole new level with volunteer groups,” said Assistant Park Maintenance Supervisor Kent Jensen. “As many as 100 trees per year in the parks have been planted using funding from grants that Darin helps write. He’s done a great job running the program. Outside of work he’s participated in several programs to help surrounding communities and schools.”

Darin has worked with West Valley City for over two years. He is a certified International Society of Arboriculture Arborist and received a bachelor’s degree from Utah State in Horticulture. He serves on the board of the Salt Lake County Million Trees project and also serves on the Utah Heritage Tree Board.

“I am humbled, shocked and honored to receive Arborist of the Year, over all of the capable and hardworking arborists in Utah,” commented Nerdin. “I would like to thank my family for their support and encouragement, my coworkers, particularly Kent Jensen and Lois Graves who helped organize and carry out tree projects, the founders and members of the Utah Community Forestry Council who made the award possible, and the community volunteers who helped us plant trees in 2007.”

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